

**Boulevard Appreciation Neighborhood Association (BANA)  
Board Meeting: Sept. 17, 2018  
Site: Calgary Orthodox Presbyterian Church, Rugby Road, Schenectady**

**Board Members Present:** Christopher Marney, Eileen LaCourse, Chris White, Crystal Santos, Jason Reyes

Meeting commenced at 7:00 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion to approve July meeting minutes made by Eileen, seconded by Chris. Approved unanimously.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

There is \$517.27 in BANA bank account. BANA was required to pay \$143 in taxes due to the tax exempt certification coming in after the start of the year. In addition, former Vice President Stephan is going to donate his lawn mower to BANA.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Chris White will send out letters to businesses ahead of November board meeting.

FOIL requests are still pending and Christopher is going to submit a complaint about the daycare business on Parkwood Boulevard as it appears they have no permission to operate as a business at that location. Celeste reiterated related parking problems, frequent arguments and other loud noises. In addition, they appear to be using city garbage services. We will charge the city will notifying the landlord.

Eileen raised complaints, which BANA will submit, about two properties that have lawn maintenance issues. In addition, there are continuing issues with unregistered vehicles.

Christopher spoke about the property on the 1100 block Waverly Place -- it will be seized, a process already underway. The yard was overgrown, which was addressed.

Eileen also reminded about a set of pothole complaints, which will be relayed to the city.

**NEW BUSINESS**

BANA and the Eastern Ave. Neighborhood Association will host another Rummage Sale on October 6.

Chris White offered up the idea to use \$200-\$300 to purchase both BANA board meeting signs and aluminum BANA signs to put permanently in the islands.

Eileen is leading the Union College Day of Service volunteers, along with Chris and Jason.

Potential dates for neighborhood cleanups: 10/13, 10/14, 10/20, 10/21, 10/27, 10/28

The Schenectady Foundation is hosting a Thriving Neighborhoods Challenge, to which BANA will apply. From their website: "Each applicant seeking funding is to come up with ideas and develop projects with goals and objectives to improve their neighborhood and/or the City. Project concepts are for City boundary areas only. The project(s) may be small and only need small amounts of money (\$500 for example), or they could be large, requesting thousands of dollars to accomplish. Examples of ideas could be as small as creating new green spaces, beautification projects, or core projects such as lighting, safety, sidewalk repairs that align with a need, etc., or even something new and "out of the box" that will enhance a neighborhood or area of the City."

Priorities: raised by members include improvements to the islands, sidewalks and curbs.

**Christopher also spoke about the property at 1052 Parkwood, which may be donated to BANA. Members discussed what could be done with the property, should BANA move in that direction, as the risk is low as long as maintenance issues is addressed. It could be a small park, with benches and a gazebo. It could also house BANA equipment and materials, like mulch and plants for the islands.**

**Holiday caroling will be held at 7 PM on December 15.**

**Consider purchasing BANA vests to use while doing maintenance on the islands.**

**Motion to adjourn made by Chris White. Seconded by Crystal. Vote was unanimous.**

**Meeting adjourned 8pm.**

**Minutes submitted by Treasurer Chris White.**